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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**TERRE HAUTE MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN  
FEDERAL PRISON FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF GUNS**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JEFFREY STEVENS, 39, of Terre Haute, Indiana, was sentenced to 240 months' imprisonment today by Chief U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his conviction at trial on July 12, 2005, for the unlawful possession of firearms by a convicted felon. Because he had three qualifying violent felony convictions, STEVENS was sentenced under the Armed Career Criminal statute, which subjected him to a minimum, mandatory 15 years imprisonment. This case, which was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Terre Haute Police Department, was prosecuted as part of the PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS initiative to reduce gun violence.

On January 14, 2005, law enforcement officers were attempting to find STEVENS because there was an open parole violation warrant for his arrest. STEVENS was observed

getting into a pickup truck in the 600 block of Barton Street, Terre Haute, Indiana. There were two other men in the truck with STEVENS. When the truck was pulled over, law enforcement officers found a .12 gauge, pistol-grip shotgun in the front passenger area between STEVENS' legs and a loaded 9mm pistol under the seat where he was sitting. STEVENS has prior felony convictions for Escape, Burglary, Criminal Recklessness, and Pointing A Firearm.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James P. Hanlon, who prosecuted the case for the government, Chief Judge McKinney also sentenced Stevens to 5 years' supervised release upon his release from prison.

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